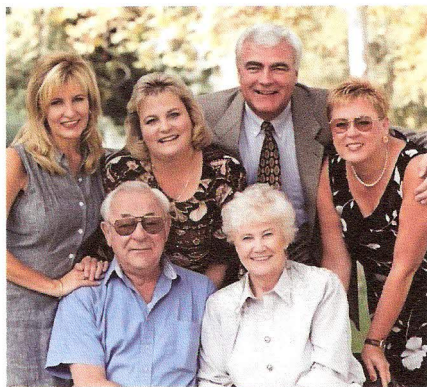


In memory of

THEODORUS JOSEPH
BLOEMENDAAL

March 7, 1924 - May 8, 2013



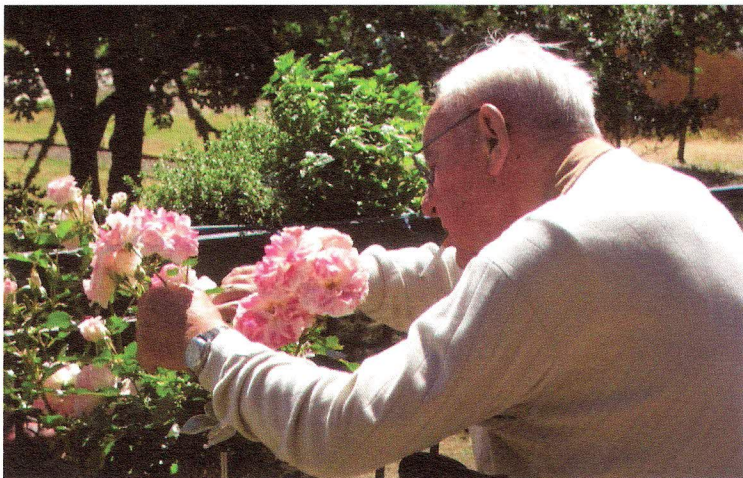
*“Mijn lief, mijn vriend, mijn man
Met je grote warme hart vol liefde
Voor mij en al wat leefde en bloeide
En aandacht en liefde nodig had.
Nu klopt dat hart niet meer,
Maar je zult altijd om ons zijn”.*

“Jouw charme en levens blijheid is de
mooiste erfenis die je ons kon nalaten.”
“Your captivating charm and love of life
is the best legacy that you could have left us.”

As the sun was rising on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, Theo Bloemendaal died peacefully at his home in Medford, Oregon with his family by his side. He was known as Dad, Papa and Opa to his family and friends; he had just celebrated his 89 birthday. Theo leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Johanna “Joke” Bloemendaal and four children: son Erik (wife Nancy) and daughters Tonneke Van Kampen (predeceased husband Ike), Inge Holland (husband David), and Mary Ryder (husband Scott). Theo also leaves behind two younger brothers in The Netherlands, Albert (wife Lideke) and Loek (wife Will). Opa Theo’s loving legacy continues through his eight grandchildren – Piet (wife Charity), Korey (wife Mandy), Ted, Anika (husband Cody), Simone (husband Chad), Brianna, Chasen, and Mitchel plus John Van Kampen (wife Cathy) and Jessica Rasmusson (and Cody) and twelve great grandchildren – Andrew, James, Erik, Harmon, Caia, Ike, Tatum, Brooke, Wyatt, Greta, Addie and one more due in November.

Born March 7, 1924 in The Hague, The Netherlands, the fifth of seven children, Theodorus Joseph Bloemendaal was known by his family as a fun loving and kindhearted man; a rock to his younger brothers. He was a good, but sometimes mischievous, Catholic school student who loved mechanical things. During WWII Theo was deported to Germany to work in a machine gun factory. After the war, he was drafted into the Dutch marines and sent to fight the rebels in Indonesia for two years. Upon his return in 1949 he married his sweetheart, Joke, “the girl in the blue dress” and together they started their whirlwind life journey. (Cont. on back)





Attending technical college at night, Theo briefly worked for Royal Dutch Shell. In 1953 he started a new job with a NAHV, a Dutch trading company which posted him to the Belgian Congo. During his seven year tenure, he worked hard and progressed to become general manager of the Leopoldville branch. Political instability following the independence of the Congo from Belgium in 1960 resulted in Theo moving his family to San Diego, California where his older brother Bernard and wife Ria lived. After several difficult years adjusting to his newly adopted country, Theo landed at Byron Jackson Pump Company where he worked until his retirement at age 62. By then Theo had lived in South Gate, La Mirada, Brea and finally, Canyon Lake, California where he built their last home. In 2010, Theo and Joke moved to Medford, Oregon where he enjoyed sitting on Erik's deck watching deer grazing, trimming his roses and listening to his chickens clucking. On a hill overlooking this peaceful scene, Theo will rest forever.